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Energy Sector

1. *May 27, WDAM 7 Laurel* – (California) **U.S. Department of Transportation issues corrective action order to Plains Pipeline.** The U.S. Department of Transportation and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Corrective Action Order to Plains Pipeline, LP May 27 in response to a May 19 pipeline failure that released crude oil along California's coastline. The order requires the company to suspend operations and remove oil from the failed pipeline and to submit a plan to PHMSA for approval before resuming operations, while reviewing the effectiveness of its current emergency response plan.
Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/29166105/us-department-of-transportation-issues-corrective-action-order-to-plains-pipeline>
2. *May 26, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **Newark gas manufacturer repeatedly exposed employees to workplace hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Newark-based Welco Acetylene Corp., May 26 with 2 failure-to-abate notices, 1 serious violation, and 2 repeat safety violations, including failing to implement proper lockout/tagout procedures, failing to include necessary equipment information in written process safety information, and not conducting management of change reviews as required. Proposed penalties total \$57,400.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28035

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Deal reached to clean up radioactive sludge at nuclear site.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced May 26 that the EPA had agreed to complete the removal of radioactive sludge from the K West Basin at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland by December 2019, to start the sludge removal in September 2018, and to pay a penalty of \$125,000 for missing the previous deadline. The sludge will be moved to a different storage facility in an effort to protect the Columbia River.
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/deal-reached-clean-radioactive-sludge-nuclear-site/nmPFs/>
4. *May 26, Peekskill-Cortlandt Patch* – (New York) **Indian Point 3 returns to service.** Entergy officials reported that the Indian Point Unit 3 plant returned to service May 25

following a transformer fire that shut down the plant for 16 days and leaked 3,000 gallons of dielectric fluid into the Hudson River. The company will continue to investigate the cause of the failure and is working with the U.S. Coast Guard and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to assess and mitigate the environmental impact of the incident.

Source: <http://patch.com/new-york/peekskill/indian-point-3-returns-service>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *May 27, Detroit Free Press* – (National) **Ford recalls vehicles for fuel tank, steering problems.** Ford issued recalls for 393,622 vehicles spanning multiple model lines made between 2011 – 2013 for an electrical issue in the steering gear that could result in the loss of electric power, and for 19,095 model year 2015 Ford Mustangs with 2.3 liter engines for an issue with fuel tanks and vapor lines that can degrade and leak, increasing the risk of a fire.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/ford/2015/05/27/ford-recall-aurus-flex-fusion-lincoln-mks-mkt-mkz-steering-gear/28004281/>

6. *May 26, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Worker's finger amputated after being caught in machine at Superior Roll Forming Company in Valley City, Ohio.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Superior Roll Forming Company Inc., in Valley City with one repeated safety violation May 26 for exposing workers to operating parts of machinery by failing to install safety mechanisms. Proposed penalties total \$70,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28038

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

7. *May 26, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Orchard Lake attorney charged with conducting mortgage fraud scheme.** An Orchard Lake attorney and his company, Home Legal Group PLLC, were charged May 22 for allegedly defrauding over 114 victims by falsely promising mortgage modifications to clients seeking to avoid foreclosure and collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees from the victims.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2015/05/orchard_lake_attorney_charged

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *May 27, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **4 injured in multi-vehicle crash on I-37 in downtown SA.** All southbound lanes of Interstate 35 in San Antonio were closed for approximately 3 hours May 27 while crews cleared the scene of a wrong-way crash that involved multiple vehicles and injured 4 people. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/content/pns/ksat/news/2015/05/27/i-37-south-in-downtown-shut-down-due-to-accident-involving-via-b.html>
9. *May 27, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Overtaken tanker catches fire, 1 lane open on I-26 near Columbia.** One lane of Interstate 26 in Columbia, South Carolina, reopened after both lanes were closed for several hours May 27 due to a series of wrecks that involved 10 vehicles and sent multiple people to area hospitals. There were no fatalities reported and it remains unclear when the Interstate will completely reopen.
Source: <http://www.wspa.com/story/29165909/overtaken-tanker-catches-fire-shuts-down-i-26-near-columbia>
10. *May 27, WCIV 4 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Driver charged with improper lane change in accident that closed Ravenel bridge.** All lanes on the Ravenel Bridge in Charleston reopened May 26 after being closed for 9 hours while crews cleared the scene a 2-vehicle accident that caused a semi-truck to spill fuel onto the roadway May 25.
Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/story/29156394/ravenel-bridge-shut-down-after-tractor-trailer-accident>
11. *May 26, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Southwest airlines flight makes emergency landing at LAX after reports of fire.** Southwest Airlines Flight 1516 headed from San Jose to San Diego made an emergency landing at Los Angeles International Airport May 26 due to a reported fire in the front cargo hold. Officials found no fire and are investigating the cause of the alert, noting that it may have been a faulty warning light.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/southwest-flight-makes-emergency-landing-at-lax-after-reports-of-fire/743793/>
12. *May 26, USA Today* – (Texas) **Dallas/Fort Worth airport reopens runway closed due to sinkhole.** Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport officials reported May 26 that Runway 18L reopened after engineers determined the runway had not been impacted by soil erosion, following reports of a sink hole that closed the runway and caused 130 flights to be canceled and about 480 to be delayed. The sink hole was caused by a storm drain that crews plan to repair May 27 without any further closures to the

runway.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/todayinthesky/2015/05/26/sinkhole-prompts-runway-closure-at-busy-dallasfort-worth-airport/27954933/>

13. *May 26, Washington Post* – (National) **Amtrak will install inward-facing cameras on trains.** Amtrak officials reported May 26 that inward-facing video cameras will be installed on majority of its Northeast Corridor trains by the end of 2015 to allow railroad officials to monitor the actions of engineers while on the job, as a series of safety measures taken following the fatal May 12 derailment that killed 8 and injured more than 200.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/amtrak-will-install-inward-facing-cameras-on-trains/2015/05/26/a6d210fa-03b9-11e5-a428-c984eb077d4e_story.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *May 27, Wisconsin Ag Connection* – (Wisconsin) **Chippewa County bird flu quarantine lifted by DATCP.** The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture removed May 26 a 6.2 mile quarantine zone around a Chippewa County farm after tests showed negative results for the avian flu. Chippewa County poultry shows, exhibits, and swap meets remain banned until May 31.
Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.php?Id=615&yr=2015>
15. *May 26, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Michigan confirms first case of chronic wasting disease in free-ranging white-tailed deer.** Michigan's departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Rural Development confirmed May 26 that the first free-ranging deer in Meridian Township in Ingham County tested positive for chronic wasting disease, a fatal neurological illness that affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and moose. The deer was euthanized and state officials are implementing action plans to mitigate the spread of the disease.
Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/article/20150526/NEWS/150529349>
16. *May 26, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Second central Iowa farm infected with bird flu.** Iowa's Department of Agriculture announced May 26 that an egg-laying farm housing 975,000 hens in Adair County was infected with the bird flu, increasing the total number of birds euthanized to 26.7 million.
Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/2015/05/26/southwest-iowa-officials-hold-meeting-bird-flu/27967281/>
17. *May 26, Bismarck Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Six more cases of bird flu in Minn. found.** Minnesota officials reported May 26 that the avian flu was found at 6 additional sites in the State including 3 farms in Kandiyohi County, 2 in Renville County, and 1 in Brown

County with its first bird case of 46,800 turkeys affected. A State representative is holding a series of meetings with poultry cultivators about State response to the bird flu.

Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/six-more-cases-of-bird-flu-in-minn-found/article_4354983c-7604-5ae2-b474-d9f9cdb13afd.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *May 27, Associated Press; KERA 13 Dallas* – (Texas) **Untreated wastewater has spilled into Houston; eyes on possible dam break in Midlothian.** Houston's Department of Public Works and Engineering reported May 27 that heavy rains caused more than 100,000 gallons of untreated wastewater to spill from a wastewater treatment plant and threatened a dam breach at Padera Lake near Midlothian that could potentially flood 25 homes. Fear of the dam breach has dissipated but the National Weather Service says more rain is expected.

Source: <http://keranews.org/post/untreated-wastewater-has-spilled-houston-eyes-possible-dam-break-midlothian>

19. *May 27, Associated Press* – (National) **EPA issues final rule protecting drinking water, streams.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued new rules May 27 that will protect drinking water for 117 million Americans by clarifying which smaller waterways fall under Federal protection in the Clean Water Act, stating that a tributary must show evidence of flowing water to be protected.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/epa-rules-protect-drinking-water-regulate-small-streams-31332848?page=2>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *May 26, Associated Press*– (National) **IRS says thieves stole tax info from 100,000.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reported May 26 that criminals accessed personal tax information from more than 100,000 tax payers through an IRS-run online system called "Get Transcript", where taxpayers get returns and other filings from previous years, as part of a scheme to steal identities and claim fraudulent tax refunds from February – May 2015. The service has been temporarily shut down and officials are

determining how many fraudulent tax refunds were claimed this year using information from the stolen transcripts with an estimate of less than \$50 million.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/apnewsbreak-irs-thieves-stole-tax-info-100000-31317464>

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Information Technology Sector

21. *May 26, Securityweek* – (International) **New Linux-based router worm used in social network scheme.** Security researchers at ESET discovered a new piece of malware, known as Moose, that primarily spreads by compromising unsecure Linux-based consumer routers and can eavesdrop on communications. Compromised devices steal unencrypted network traffic, mostly from social network sites, and act as a proxy service for botnet operators.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-linux-based-router-worm-used-social-network-scheme>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

22. *May 27, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Lightning strike caused condo fire that killed two dogs Tuesday near Love Field, officials say.** A 3-alarm fire caused \$150,000 in damages to a condominium near Love Field, Texas, after lightning struck the roof of 1 of the 2-story units May 26. Fire crews contained the incident and no

injuries were reported.

Source: <http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2015/05/lightning-strike-caused-condo-fire-that-killed-two-dogs-tuesday-near-love-field-officials-say.html/>

23. *May 25, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **Hundreds displaced after tornado hits SW Houston apartment complex.** Hundreds of people were displaced May 19 after an EF-1 tornado struck the Rockport Apartments in Houston and tore the roofs off of 11 of the 24 complexes, deeming 252 apartments unlivable.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/partial-collapse-of-sw-houston-apartment-building-leads-to-evacuations/33194306>

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